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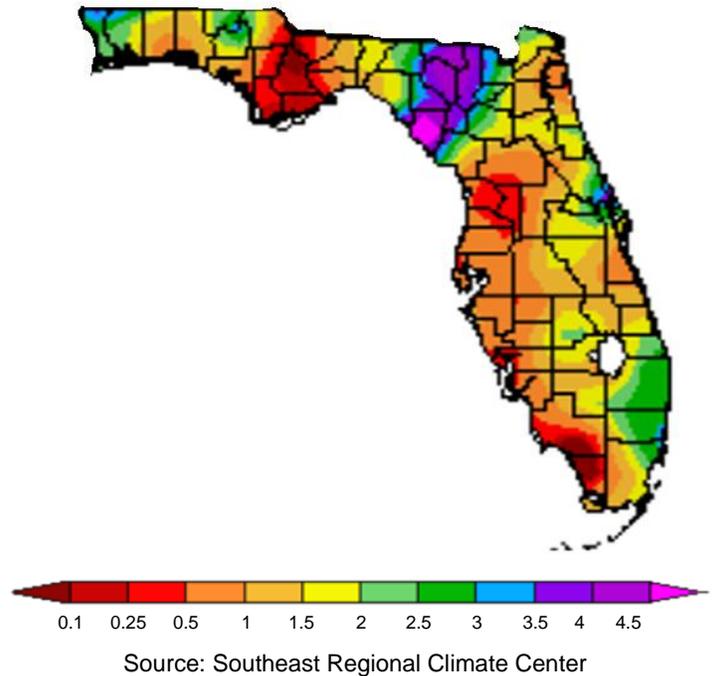
More Fieldwork Possible This Week

Weather Summary: According to Florida’s Automated Weather Network (FAWN), Jay (Santa Rosa County) received the most rain with 5.04 inches of rain. Maximum temperatures ranged from 84 to 93 degrees. Dover (Hillsborough County) received the highest temperature at 93 degrees. The lowest temperatures in the State ranged from 47 degrees in Defuniak Springs (Walton County) to 66 degrees in Fort Lauderdale (Broward County).

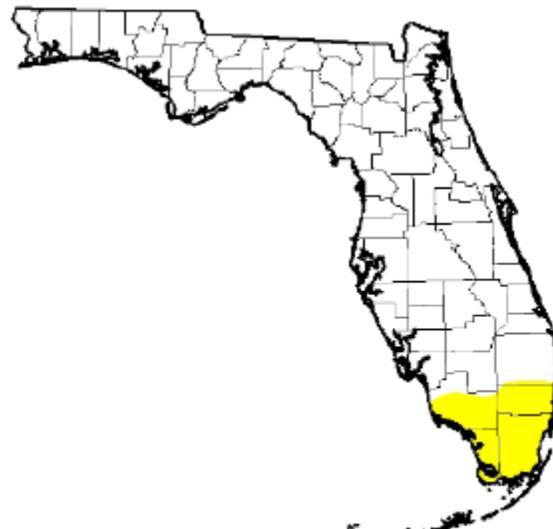
Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	0	3	0
Short	24	37	20
Adequate	69	58	74
Surplus	7	2	6

Precipitation (in)–Florida: May 12-18, 2014



U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: May 13, 2014



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D4 Drought - Exceptional
- D2 Drought - Severe

Field Crop: Farmers in the Panhandle and north Florida still have water standing in cultivated fields. Two farmers in Gulf County were planting soybeans. In Jackson County and Okaloosa County farmers were planting cotton. Walton County was drying out but peanut planting was delayed. In Washington County some peanut acreage will be replanted. Dixie County farmers received more rain this past week and 25-30% of fields were flooded that had been planted; other fields too wet to start planting. Levy County farmers were finishing up with planting peanuts this past week. Statewide, peanut planting was 48 percent complete, ahead of last year’s 45 percent but behind the 5-year average of 49 percent.

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Planted	49	45	48

Citrus: Rainfall in the citrus producing area this past week was widespread. All stations received some precipitation, ten received more than an inch, and two received more than two inches. Frostproof (Polk County) received the most at 2.29 inches, followed by Dover (Hillsborough County) with 2.16 inches received. Okahumpka (Lake County) and Arcadia (DeSoto County) received the least with 0.20 inches of precipitation recorded. Daytime high temperatures were warm, reaching the upper 80s to low 90s in all citrus producing counties. As per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated May 13, 2014, abnormally dry conditions have returned to the southernmost region of the citrus growing area but are currently affecting no active citrus groves.

The rainfall of a few weeks ago was beneficial. Some of the healthier and well cared for trees are showing lots of new growth. Next season's crop is progressing well with oranges marble size or bigger and grapefruit golf ball sized. Growers and caretakers are applying nutritional and post bloom sprays, fertilizing, irrigating, mowing, and in some cases resetting new trees.

Processing plants are primarily running Valencia oranges from now until the end of the season. Several packinghouses have finished for the season with a few still taking small amounts of late oranges.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	May 4, 2014	May 11, 2014	May 18, 2014
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia	5,368	4,381	4,100
White Grapefruit	19	1	1
Colored Grapefruit	65	41	18
Honey Tangerines	1	0	0
Total	5,453	4,423	4,119

Fruit and Vegetables: Watermelon harvest is going strong in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Dixie counties. Potato harvest continued and the last of the cabbage were being harvested in Flagler and Putnam counties. Vegetable producers were cleaning up fields in southwest Florida as the season nears an end. Crops planted in Miami-Dade County were boniato, malanga, okra, and bitter melon. Miami-Dade County farmers were harvesting boniato, bitter melon, malanga, okra, and some herbs. Vegetables and fruits coming to market in the southwest were blueberries, collards, cucumbers, eggplant, herbs, kale, lettuce, peppers, snap beans, squash, tomatoes, watermelons, and specialty items.

Livestock and Pastures: Pastures remain wet in the Panhandle. Pasture in southwest Florida received some rain this past week which helped improve condition. The cattle condition for the State was primarily good but the pasture condition was fair to good.

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	0	0	1	0
Poor	2	3	6	6
Fair.....	32	32	44	38
Good	60	60	44	52
Excellent.....	6	5	5	4

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